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SUBJ: W/W: FAYZ, HASSAN FRANK AND FAYZ, MOSHEN FRANK

REF.: STATE 87358, TEL AVIV 4353 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO
CONSUL KERR FROM KARNI KAV, MAJOR, SENIOR INFORMATION
OFFICER, ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES:

2. "REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 3, ADDRESSED
TO MR GURON OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
"WE HAVE READ YOUR UNFORTUNATE CLAIM CAREFULLY AND TRIED
TO FOLLOW UP WITH A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE
MATTER. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS SOMEWHAT IMPOSSIBLE TO
IDENTIFY NOW, WHO WERE THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS INVOLVED
IN THE INCIDENT. IT IS HOWEVER OBVIOUS THAT THE SOLDIERS
WERE GIVEN STRICT ORDERS AS TO WHO IS PERMITTED TO ENTER
VILLAGES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. VERY SPECIFIC ORDERS
INDICATED THAT ONLY REFUGEES WHO WERE ORIGINALLY
CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGES AND LEFT AS RESULT OF THE
RECENT BATTLES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND ARE RETURNING
TO THEIR FAMILIES AND HOMES, ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE
ADMITTED TO PASS THE CHECK POINT.

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"IT APPEARS THAT THE AMERICAN PASSPORTS IN THE HANDS
OF THE TWO COMPLAINING GENTLEMEN, ONLY ADDED CONFUSION
AS TO THEIR IDENTITY, AND SINCE THE SITUATION IN THE
AREA WAS THAT OF A WAR, THE SOLDIERS PREFERRED NOT TO
TAKE A RISK.

"AGAIN, WE ARE UNABLE TO QUESTION THE SOLDIERS INVOLVED,

THUS CANNOT COME UP WITH THE EXACT DESCRIPTION OR REPLY
TO EXPLAIN THE QUOTATION WHICH THE TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS
CITE, BUT IF IT IS A REALISTIC RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
INCIDENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE IMPROPER
EXPRESSION USED BY THE SOLDIERS AND EXTEND OUR SORROW
FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO THEM." LEWIS

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